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Mr. R. D. Searles
Under Secretary of Interior
Department of Interior
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Searles:

In accordance with its responsibilities, as outlined by the National Security Council in NSC 15, CIA is conducting a government-wide survey of economic intelligence projects relating to the Soviet Orbit. It is requested, therefore, that your office provide a list of any economic research or intelligence projects on this area which it has completed since 1 July or which are now under way or planned. This listing should group individual projects under the following headings:

- Regional or Country Analysis (including capability and vulnerability studies)
- Structure and Organization of the Economy
- Population and Manpower
- Food and Agriculture (including fish and forest products)
- Ferrous Metals
- Nonferrous Metals
- Solid Fuels
- Liquid Fuels
- Electric Power
- Rubber and Chemicals
- Electronic Equipment
- Construction
- Communications
- Aircraft
- Shipbuilding
- Transportation
- Munitions Manufacture
- Other Industrial Equipment and Manufacturing
- Internal Trade and Finance
- International Trade and Finance (including economic warfare)
- National Wealth and Income
- Economic Geography
- Other

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For each project there should be an indication of: the project number; the subject covered (unless it is adequately reflected in the title); the date initiated; the date completed or the proposed date of completion; the magnitude of the study; the name of the unit responsible for producing the project; and the security classification. To insure uniformity in reporting, it would be appreciated if the attached sample report form could be followed as closely as possible.

It is unnecessary to report publications designed merely to inform a particular audience of facts or conclusions derived from other research papers. On the other hand, anything which in the view of the producer makes a new contribution to our understanding of the Soviet economy should be reported even though no new facts are revealed.

If your office engages in continuing research activities on the Soviet Orbit economy whose scope and nature is not adequately reflected in your project list, an explanation of such activities should be attached to your report.

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Your report should be submitted to the Secretariat of the Economic Intelligence Committee within two weeks from the date of this letter.

/s/

Max F. Millikan
Chairman, Economic Intelligence Committee

Enclosures (w/orig on W)
Sample Report Form
NSC/D 15

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